

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-8. (Canceled).

9. (Canceled).

10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a cadmium negative electrode for alkaline batteries, which comprises a porous, nickel-coated sintered electrode core body, the process comprising the steps of:

(a) coating a surface of a porous electrically conductive core body with nickel powder,

(b) drying and sintering the product of step (a) to form a nickel sintered electrically conductive core body,

(c) immersing the nickel sintered electrically conductive core body in an impregnating solution containing cadmium nitrate,

(d) drying,

(e) subjecting the dry nickel sintered electrically conductive core body to alkali treatment so that the pores of the nickel sintered core body are filled with cadmium hydroxide to produce a cadmium negative electrode, and

(f) applying a preliminary charge to the cadmium negative electrode, and

(fg) applying polyethylene glycol to a surface of said cadmium negative electrode, which exposes to a surface of the electrode, and a surface of said cadmium hydroxide containing  $\beta$ -Cd(OH)<sub>2</sub>, which exposes to a surface of the electrode, by coating or impregnating with

polyethylene glycol having a mean molecular weight of 600 or higher but not more than 20000 dissolved in a solvent.

12. (Previously Presented) The method for producing a cadmium negative electrode for an alkaline battery as claimed in Claim 11, wherein, in step (f), said cadmium negative electrode is coated or impregnated with a solution of polyethylene glycol.

13. (Previously Presented) The method for producing a cadmium negative electrode for an alkaline battery as claimed in Claim 11, further comprising a step of (g) drying the cadmium negative electrode after coating or impregnating said active-substance impregnated substrate with said polyethylene glycol.

14. (Previously Presented) The method for producing a cadmium negative electrode for an alkaline battery as claimed in Claim 12, further comprising a step of (g) drying the cadmium negative electrode after coating or impregnating said active-substance impregnated substrate with said polyethylene glycol.

15. (Previously Presented) An alkaline storage battery comprising:  
a nickel positive electrode;  
a negative electrode;  
a separator which separates the positive electrode from the negative electrode;  
alkaline electrolyte; and  
an outer can which houses the positive electrode, the negative electrode, the separator and the alkaline electrolyte therein;

wherein said negative electrode is a cadmium negative electrode as claimed in claim 9.

16. (Previously Presented) A method for producing an alkaline storage battery comprising the steps of:

producing a nickel positive electrode;

producing a negative electrode;

opposing the positive electrode and the negative electrode through a separator;

housing the positive electrode, the negative electrode, the separator in an outer can with  
alkaline electrolyte,

wherein said negative electrode is produced by the method for producing a cadmium  
negative electrode as claimed in claim 11.